



**Flowers** Following a long winter, flowers like these will be making a return appearance this Spring.

Photo by Lynn Dudlinsky

## Budget raise inadequate, University officials say

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Gov. Thornburgh's recommended 5 percent increase for Penn State in his 1979-80 budget, while welcome, is not enough to keep abreast of inflation, University officials say.

As a result, further tuition increases and program cutbacks may be necessary to balance the University budget, University President John W. Oswald said.

"Unless this figure is increased substantially by the legislature, it will mean further tuition increases as well as another series of cutbacks and reallocations in the University," Oswald said.

Oswald, while noting that the governor has given a higher priority to education, expressed concern over the allocation differences between state-owned and state-related institutions.

"The Commonwealth universities — Penn State, Pitt and Temple — are recommended for an overall increase of less than 5 percent, while the state colleges are recommended for an increase of 7.1 percent," Oswald said.

Thornburgh's proposed budget would increase the University's share of the budget pie by \$10 million, while the state-owned colleges would receive a \$13 million increase.

Stanley O. Ikenberry, senior vice president for University development, said the University requested \$130 million for the upcoming fiscal year, but will receive only \$117 million under the proposed budget.

"The good news is that the governor appears to be assigning a higher priority for education," Ikenberry said. "The bad

news is that the level of support recommended for us is far below the increase required to support the University."

Nearly \$20 million has been slashed from the University's budget over the last several years, Ikenberry said, and additional cuts will only make it harder for the University to perform its functions.

State Sen. J. Doyle Corman, R-34th, said because Penn State is the only state land-grant university, there is "very good reason" to up its share to 7 percent.

"I feel that all institutions should have received the same increase," Corman said.

State Rep. Gregg Cunningham, R-77th, said he is not pleased with the overall money allocation.

"Under this budget, preferential treatment is accorded state-owned colleges at the expense of Penn State," Cunningham said. "There is an enormous disparity between the state-owned colleges and the state-related universities."

Cunningham said he is working on legislation, to be simultaneously introduced by Corman in the Senate, that would prevent the University's appropriation from being used as a pawn in the budget battle, as was the case last year.

"The bill would continue to fund the preferred and non-preferred institutions at last year's levels and would prevent the legislature from recessing until the budget is settled," Cunningham said.

Corman and Cunningham agreed that the personal and corporate income taxes must remain at the higher levels temporarily imposed last year — 2.2 and 10.5 percent, respectively — if any kind of funding increase were to take place.

## Thornburgh calls for 6 percent fuel tax to revive state's roads

HARRISBURG (AP) — In the first test of his political clout, Gov. Dick Thornburgh asked the Legislature yesterday for a 6 percent sales tax on wholesale gas prices to revive PennDOT and launch a war on potholes.

The new governor also proposed a record \$6.3 billion general fund budget that would require an extension of the 2.2 percent personal income tax and the 10.5 percent corporate net tax.

Both are due to revert automatically to 2 percent and 9.5 percent respectively at the end of the year.

Thornburgh's 1979-80 spending plan represents a 5.8 percent increase over the current fiscal budget.

His tax proposals drew icy reaction from Democratic legislators, which points to a bloody budget battle this summer. Democratic Whip James Manderino bluntly said he would oppose tax hikes to fund new government programs.

The spending proposal, which Thornburgh called a "no frills, no luxuries" package, includes an extra \$190 million for his priority projects — jobs and economic development, basic education, crime fighting, the poor and the elderly.

"Our highway system is in a state of

crisis," said Thornburgh, listing his administration's goals in a 27-minute noon address before a joint session of the General Assembly. He was interrupted by mild applause five times.

"An increase in funds to help solve the highway crisis is now not only justifiable but absolutely essential," he added, noting that reforms have already been started to cut corruption, patronage abuses and waste in the state Department of Transportation.

The sales tax, which is expected to raise \$177 million, would be applied to wholesale prices, and eventually would be paid by the consumer at the pump. The tax would have the same immediate impact as a 3-cent hike in the state's 9-cent-a-gallon gas tax. In addition, it provides a sliding scale that will bring in more money as gas prices rise.

PennDOT Secretary Thomas Larson said the new tax would cost the average motorist about \$28 more a year to drive.

Thornburgh also called for an average increase of 25 percent in truck registration fees, which would raise another \$25 million.

The money, which puts the Motor License Fund at \$1.1 billion, would be used to re-start PennDOT's stalled road

building program that ground to a halt in July 1977. It would also launch a \$76 million, one-shot pothole patching effort to save the state's ravaged roads.

In the general fund, Thornburgh said an extension of the state income and business taxes are a must to put the state in the black.

"This is the only way that we can achieve a balanced budget with no year-end deficit," said Thornburgh, noting that he had to absorb an inherited \$20.4 million deficit.

"This is a no frills, no nonsense, no luxuries document. It is an austere budget," said the governor, who has huddled with his budget aides for the past seven weeks to come up with the spending package.

But Democrats initially balked at the message, especially on taxes.

"The temporary increases on the income tax and the CNI (corporate net income tax) are due to expire. So he's really asking for a tax increase," Manderino said.

The temporary taxes take in \$200 million. If he didn't have \$200 million in new initiatives, we wouldn't have to continue those taxes," he said.

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## Pinchot fire arrest may free residents from payment

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Residents of Pinchot Hall will not be held responsible for fire damages to its elevator if a student charged in connection with the fire is found guilty, Housing and Food Services Director William McKinnon said.

Robert Devine (5th-science) of 802 Pinchot was arrested last month in connection with the Dec. 19 fire and other charges of arson and vandalism.

Devine was arraigned before District Magistrate Clifford H. Yorks Feb. 16 and placed in the Centre County Prison in lieu of \$25,000 bail. He was released the following day on bond.

A decision about who will pay for the cost of replacing the elevator depends upon the outcome of Devine's preliminary hearing, tentatively scheduled for March 21 and a possible subsequent trial, McKinnon said. If

Devine is found not guilty, each resident of Pinchot may be billed for the damage, McKinnon said.

The cost of replacing the elevator might be covered by Housing's existing reserve funds which are financed by room and board charges, McKinnon said. "This would probably indirectly affect room and board rates," he said.

Devine is charged with arson, causing or risking catastrophe, recklessly endangering other persons, and criminal mischief in connection with the elevator fire.

He also is charged with arson, recklessly endangering others and criminal mischief in connection with janitor closet fires that occurred Oct. 22, 24 and Nov. 4 in Pinchot. Damage from each incident was \$75, Manager of Police Services Thomas Harmon said.

Devine also is charged with turning in a false fire alarm in Pinchot Oct. 12, Harmon said.

In addition, Devine is charged with criminal mischief for allegedly vandalizing three vending machines in Fisher Hall Oct. 10 and breaking two plate glass windows in Pinchot Oct. 17 and Nov. 10, Harmon said. Damage in these incidents totaled \$641.

Devine also will be charged with criminal mischief, criminal solicitation and recklessly endangering others in connection with pushing a piano down an elevator May 25. He will be arraigned on these charges at the time of his preliminary hearing, Harmon said.

Arrest warrants have been issued for two other students as conspirators in the piano incident, Harmon said. They are expected to be arrested today, he said.

As a result of the two-month investigation of the elevator fire, police arrested other students in incidents unrelated to the fire.

John Heath (12th-microbiology), 406

Pinchot, was charged with three incidents of setting false fire alarms in Sprout Hall on Nov. 5, Dec. 16, and Dec. 18. He was arraigned before Yorks today and released on nominal bail.

Jeffrey Hain (3rd-engineering) and Rodger Rothenberger (3rd-science), both of 402 Pinchot, were cited yesterday for criminal mischief for burning newspapers under a door in Pinchot Nov. 19.

Arraigned before Yorks Feb. 16 for setting a false fire alarm in Jordan Hall Jan. 6 was Andrew Tokarsky (9th-English), 216 Jordan Hall. Tokarsky

pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of criminal mischief and was fined \$200 and court costs.

Police investigation has led to the identification of persons responsible for placing four other false alarms, one bomb threat, 15 obscene phone calls, two burglaries in Findlay Hall, a broken window in Eisenhower Auditorium and theft of foodstuffs from a vending machine in Fisher Hall, Harmon said.

Harmon said some of these cases will not be prosecuted as a result of a decision reached in consultation with the district attorney.

## Carter on Middle East mission

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Carter left for Cairo yesterday expressing "hope tempered by sober realism" that he can persuade Egypt and Israel to fulfill "the dream of peace."

He gave his dramatic, high-risk peace mission a flavoring of bipartisan support by inviting a small group of Republican and Democratic members of Congress to a private White House briefing just before his early evening departure.

They remained for nationally televised departure ceremonies on the White House lawn and stood in a line behind Carter as Vice President Walter Mondale told him his mission marked "perhaps the most important and difficult mission of your presidency."

Looking somber, sticking closely to a prepared text, the president delivered his parting remarks to a gathering of congressmen, cabinet members, other top administration officials and several

hundred onlookers provided with miniature U.S., Israeli and Egyptian flags.

"There are times when making peace demands more courage than making war," the president said. "I believe President (Anwar) Sadat and Prime Minister (Menachem) Begin possess that special kind of courage, and that they possess as well the vision and statesmanship to redeem the great hope they have helped create" for conclusion of an Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

"So it is with hope that I depart, hope tempered by sober realism," he said, stressing the word "sober." "... We will do our best to help them achieve the peace they have paid for in blood many times over."

Carter was accompanied on the flight by his wife, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Defense Secretary Harold Brown.

The president's flight from Andrews

Air Force Base was due to arrive at 7 a.m. EST in Cairo, where the Egyptians were preparing a "peace festival" involving cheering throngs.

Saying "the price of failure" might be "terrible" for the region and the world, Carter also launched his open-ended trip to Cairo and Jerusalem with the caution that an Israeli-Egyptian treaty must be only a prelude to a general Middle East peace settlement — a point often made by Sadat.

"Real peace will not come with a single treaty — important as that would be," Carter said. "But a treaty between Egypt and Israel is an indispensable step toward the broader comprehensive peace we all seek."

He described his journey — a move that lays his prestige as a leader on the line — as "a new mission in the service of the oldest of human dreams, the dream of peace."

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### A good start

To start off spring term we'll have intervals of clouds and sunshine today with a high of 43. Tonight will be partly cloudy with a low of 29. Tomorrow will be just beautiful with partly to mostly sunny skies and a high near 50.



Photo by Joe Torf

**Your song** Ray Davies, lead singer of the Kinks, belts out another song. See review in tomorrow's Arts section.